

# **WELCOME**

**TO THE  
SPI and CMM  
COURSE**



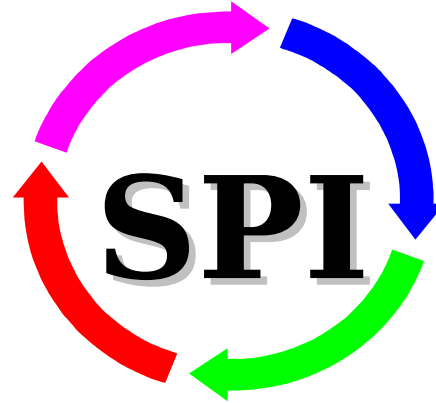
# **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

**TO PROVIDE A HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW  
OF:**

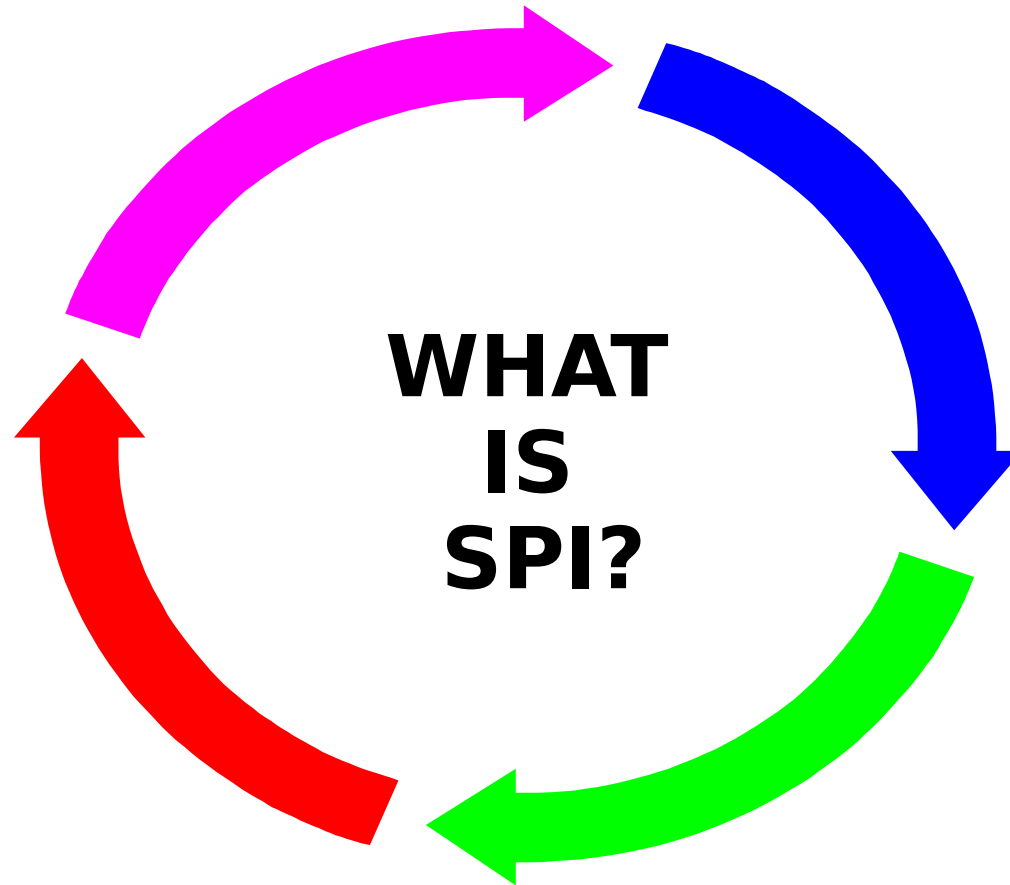
- **SPI (Software Process Improvement)**
- **CMM (Capability Maturity Model)**

# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (SPI)**

# SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (**SPI**) MODULE



- **MODULE OBJECTIVES:**
  - **WHAT IS SPI ?**
  - **WHY SPI ?**
  - **WHAT ARE GOALS /BENEFITS OF SPI ?**
  - **HOW IS SPI ACHIEVED/IMPROVED ?**
  - **WHAT IS DFAS's SPI STRATEGY ?**



**“S**oftware is the entire set of  
programs,  
procedures, and related documentation  
associated with a system and especially  
a computer system.”

**Webster**

**“P**rocess is the set of activities, methods,  
and practices which guide people and their  
tools in the development and enhancement of  
products.”

**SEI**

# “**S**oftware **P**rocess

is the system of all tasks and the supporting tools, standards, methods, and practices involved in the production and evolution of a software product throughout the software life cycle.”

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**Improvement is something  
that enhances value  
or excellence.**

# **S**OFTWARE **P**ROCESS **I**MPROVEMENT

IS  
**enhancement**  
to the  
**total software  
product.**

# **WHY DO WE NEED SPI?**

- **DFAS REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CENTRAL DESIGN AGENCIES (CDAs)**
- **IMPROVE PROCESSES**
- **IMPROVE RELIABILITY & QUALITY**
- **IMPROVE EFFICIENCY**
- **REDUCE DEVELOPMENT COSTS**

# **BENEFITS AND GOALS OF SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

- **INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS/QUALITY**
- **DECREASED COST**
- **SHORTEN DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE**
- **PREDICTABLE QUALITY, COST, SCHEDULES**
- **PROCESSES DEFINED AND DOCUMENTED**

# TO ACHIEVE IMPROVEMENT, WE MUST:

- **KNOW WHERE WE ARE**
- **KNOW WHERE WE WANT TO GO**
- **ASSIGN RESOURCES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **IMPROVE AND DEFINE PROCESSES**
- **TRACK PROGRESS**



# DFAS SPI STRATEGY

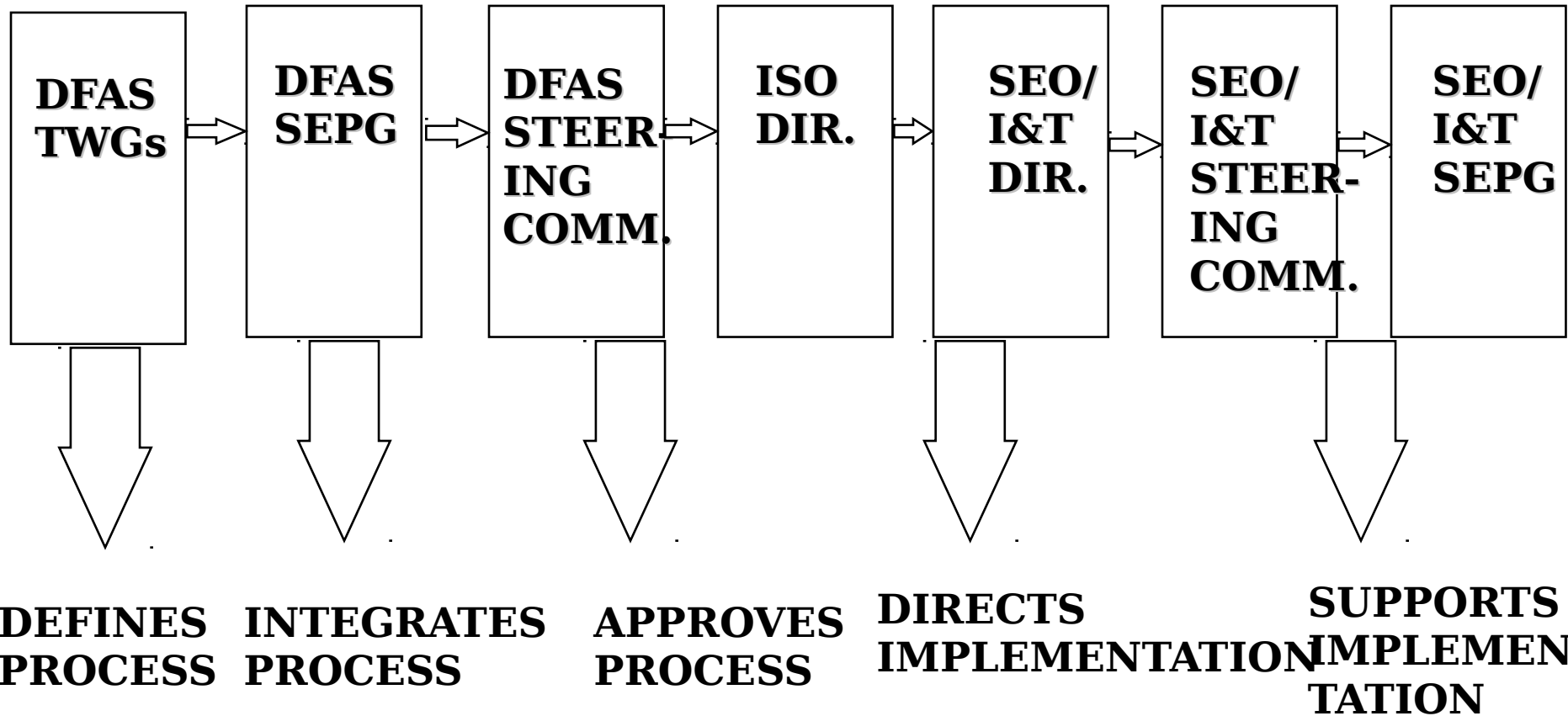
- **INCREASE SOFTWARE PROCESS CAPABILITY TO LEVEL 2 BY OCTOBER 1, 1995**
- **IMPLEMENT SPI AS ONE SINGLE PROGRAM WITHIN DFAS**
- **FOCUS ON DEFINING LEVEL 2 KPAs OF THE CMM**
- **DEVELOP CANDIDATE PROCESSES FOR STANDARDIZING**
- **IMPLEMENT APPROVED CANDIDATE PROCESS, PROJECT BY PROJECT, SITE BY SITE**

# WHAT IS ***"THE BIG PICTURE?"***



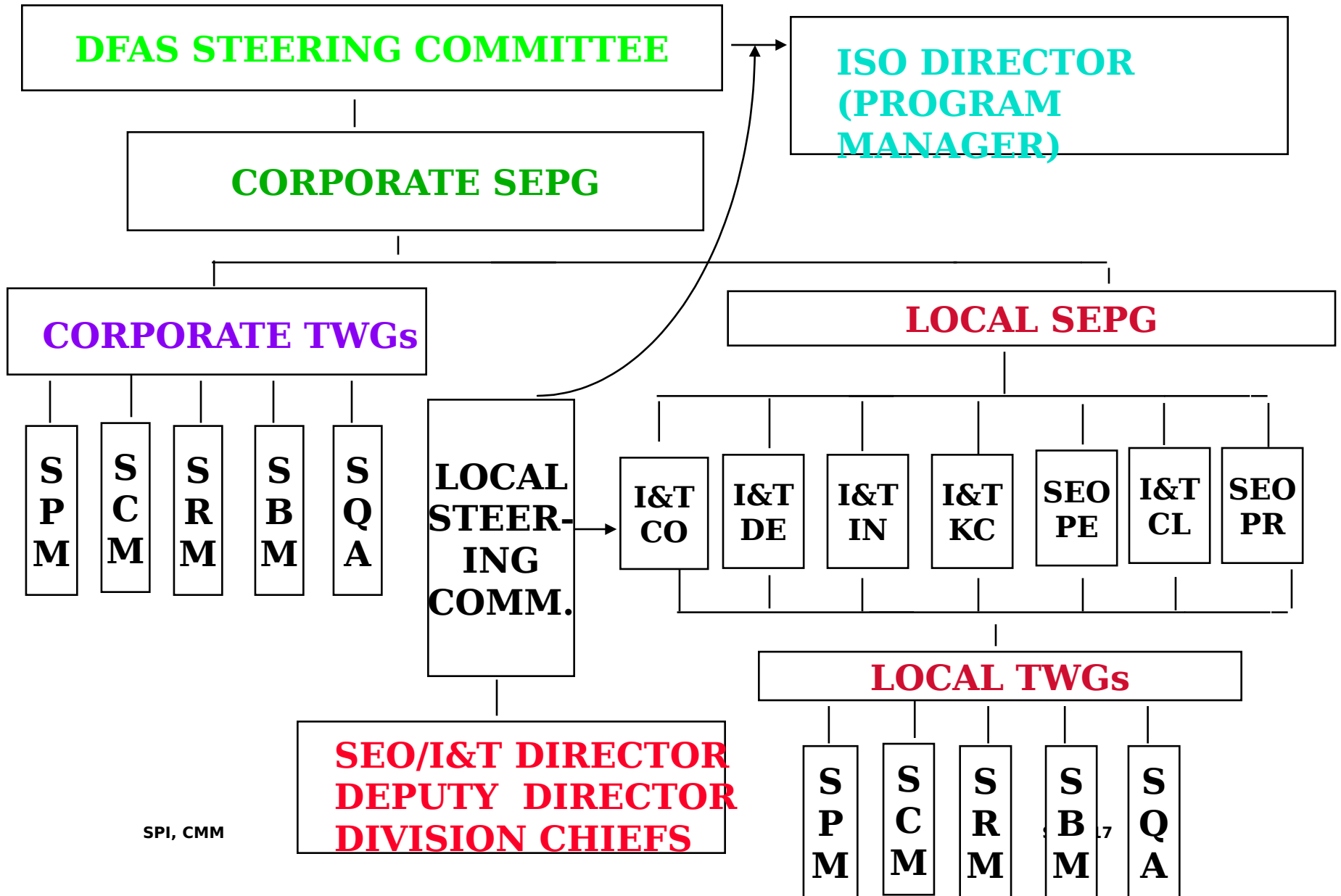
# THE DFAS SPI PROCESS

## **“THE *BIG* PICTURE”**



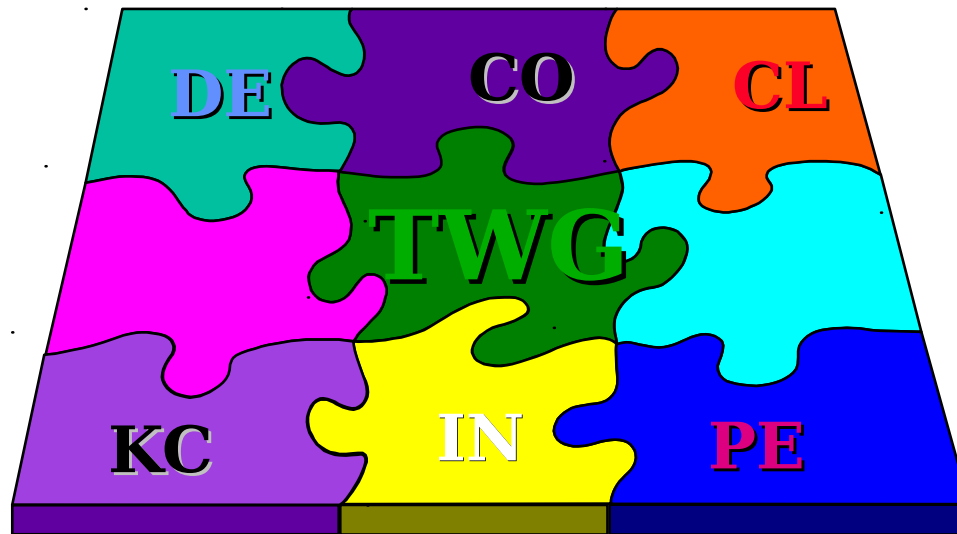


# ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

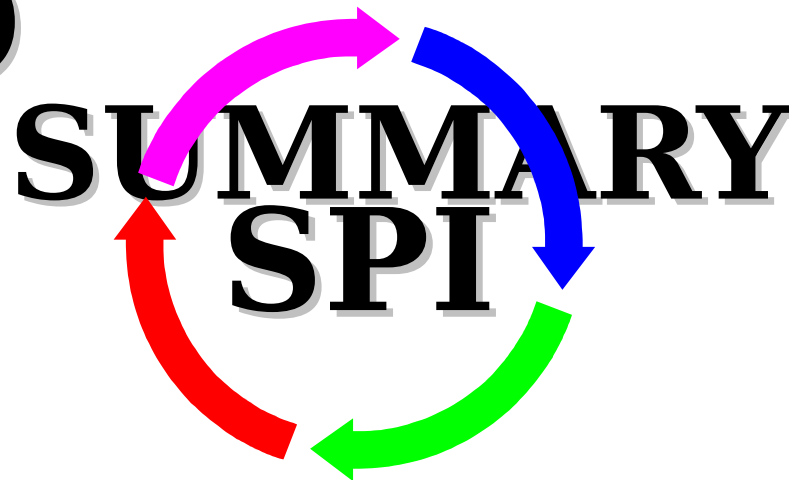


# CORPORATE TWG STRUCTURE

- **EACH CORPORATE TWG CONTAINS :**
  - **ONE (1) MEMBER EACH OF THE SIX (6) SEOs/I&Ts**
  - **ONE (1) ISO MEMBER**



# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (SPI)**



# **SPI SUMMARY**

- **WHO?**

- **DFAS-HQ**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES ORGANIZATION**
- **DFAS CENTERS AND SATELLITES...**
- **SPI CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT EVERY EMPLOYEE'S HELP, SUPPORT AND COOPERATION TO ATTAIN THE GOAL OF...**

***A QUALITY PRODUCT, ON-TIME AND AT AN AGREED-UPON PRICE!!!***

# SPI SUMMARY

- **WHAT?**

**SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT  
IS A LONG-TERM EFFORT TO:**

- **ENHANCE THE MANAGEMENT OF  
SOFTWARE  
DEVELOPMENT**
- **IMPROVE SOFTWARE QUALITY**
- **DECREASE COSTS**
- **REFINE SCHEDULES**

# SPI SUMMARY

## ■ **WHAT?**

***WHAT IS INVOLVED IN SOFTWARE  
PROCESS IMPROVEMENT?***

- **CMM** WAS DEVELOPED BY THE DoD-  
SPONSORED SOFTWARE  
ENGINEERING  
INSTITUTE (SEI)
- DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF  
THE CMM BASED **SYSTEM  
MODIFICATION  
SCENARIO (SMS)**

# SPI SUMMARY

## ■ WHY?

### ■ WE MUST:

- IMPROVE OUR *RELIABILITY*
- REDUCE DEVELOPMENT *COSTS*
- IMPROVE *EFFICIENCY* ACROSS  
THE  
ENTIRE DFAS

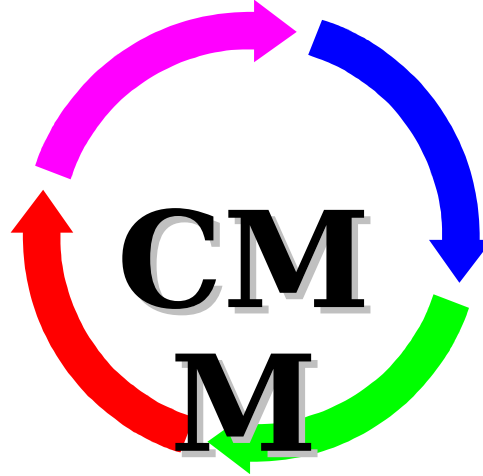
# SPI SUMMARY

- **WHEN?**
  - ***CONTINUOUS***
- **HOW?**
  - **SPA, SEPG, CMM, AND SMS**
  - **BELIEF THAT *IMPROVEMENT IS POSSIBLE!!!***
  - **COMMITMENT**
  - **INVOLVEMENT**

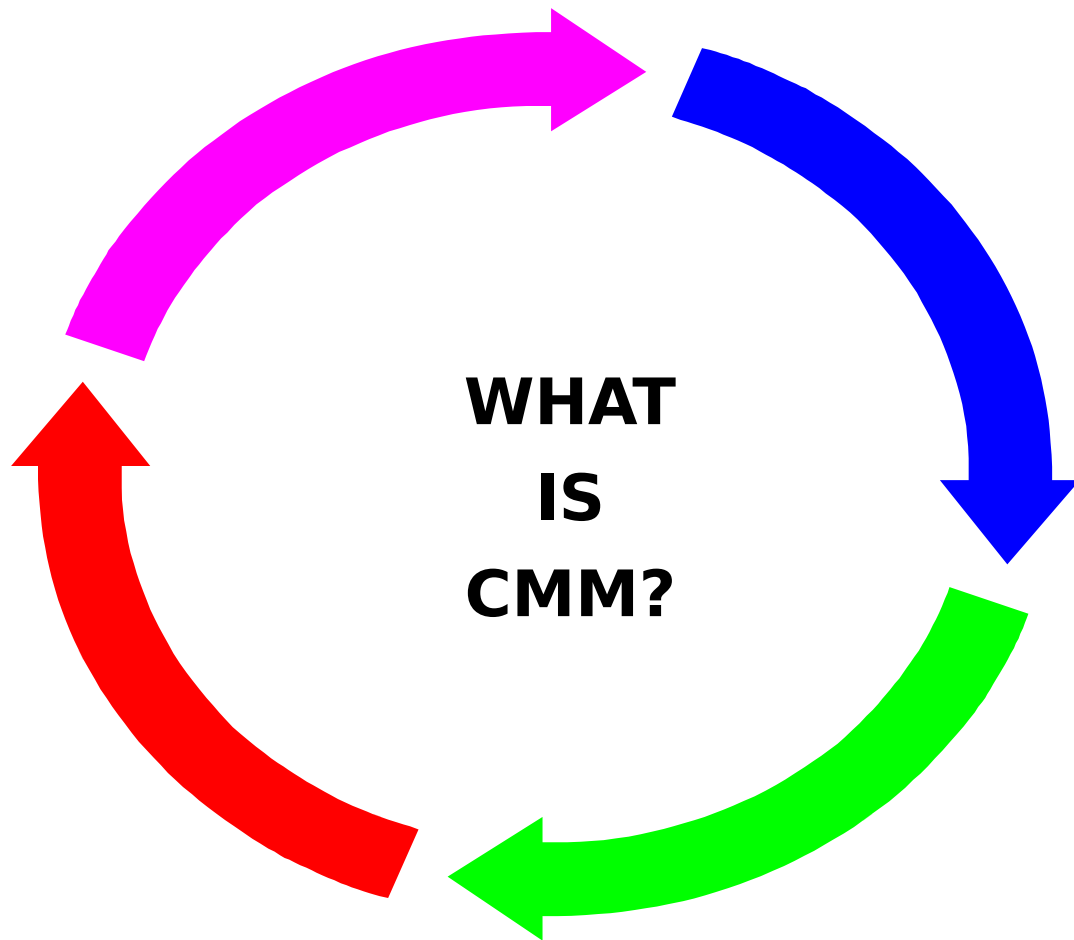


# **CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM)**

# CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM) MODULE



- **MODULE OBJECTIVES:**
  - **WHAT IS THE CMM ?**
  - **IDENTIFY THE MATURITY LEVELS OF THE CMM**
  - **DEFINE THE KEY PROCESS AREAS (KPA)**



# **WHAT IS THE CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL?**

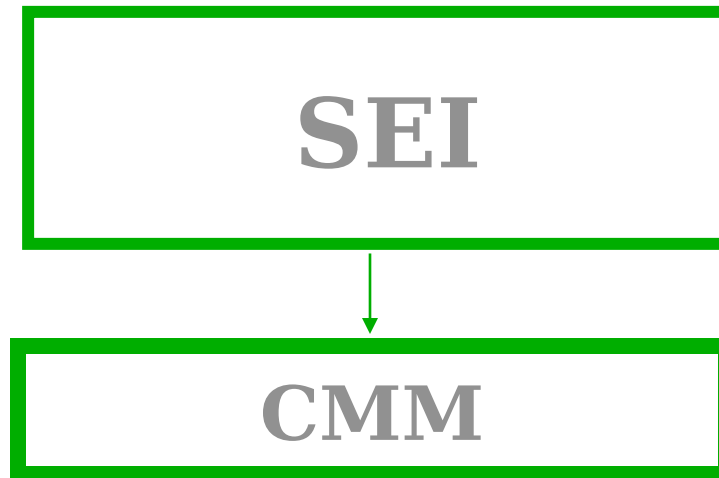
**“ A framework that describes the key  
elements of an effective software process**

# CMM

- **PROVIDES *GUIDELINES* FOR:**
  - **PLANNING**
  - **ENGINEERING**
  - **MANAGING SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**
  - **DEVELOPMENT**
  - **MAINTENANCE**

# WHERE DID CMM ORIGINATE?

- THE CMM PROCESS MODEL WAS DEVELOPED BY THE **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)**
- IT IS OWNED BY THE NATIONAL SOFTWARE COMMUNITY
- SEI EXERCISES STEWARDSHIP OVER CMM



# **WHAT IS THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)??**

- **A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH &  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER (FFRDC)**
- **FUNDED BY DoD**
- **AFFILIATED WITH CARNEGIE MELLON  
UNIVERSITY**

# **WHAT IS THE SEI MISSION:**

**TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN  
ADVANCING THE  
STATE-OF-THE-PRACTICE  
OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING  
TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
SYSTEMS WHICH DEPEND  
UPON SOFTWARE**



# **SOFTWARE PROCESS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS MANAGEMENT PREMISE**

***THE QUALITY OF A SOFTWARE  
SYSTEM IS GOVERNED BY THE  
QUALITY OF THE PROCESSES  
USED TO DEVELOP AND  
MAINTAIN IT.***

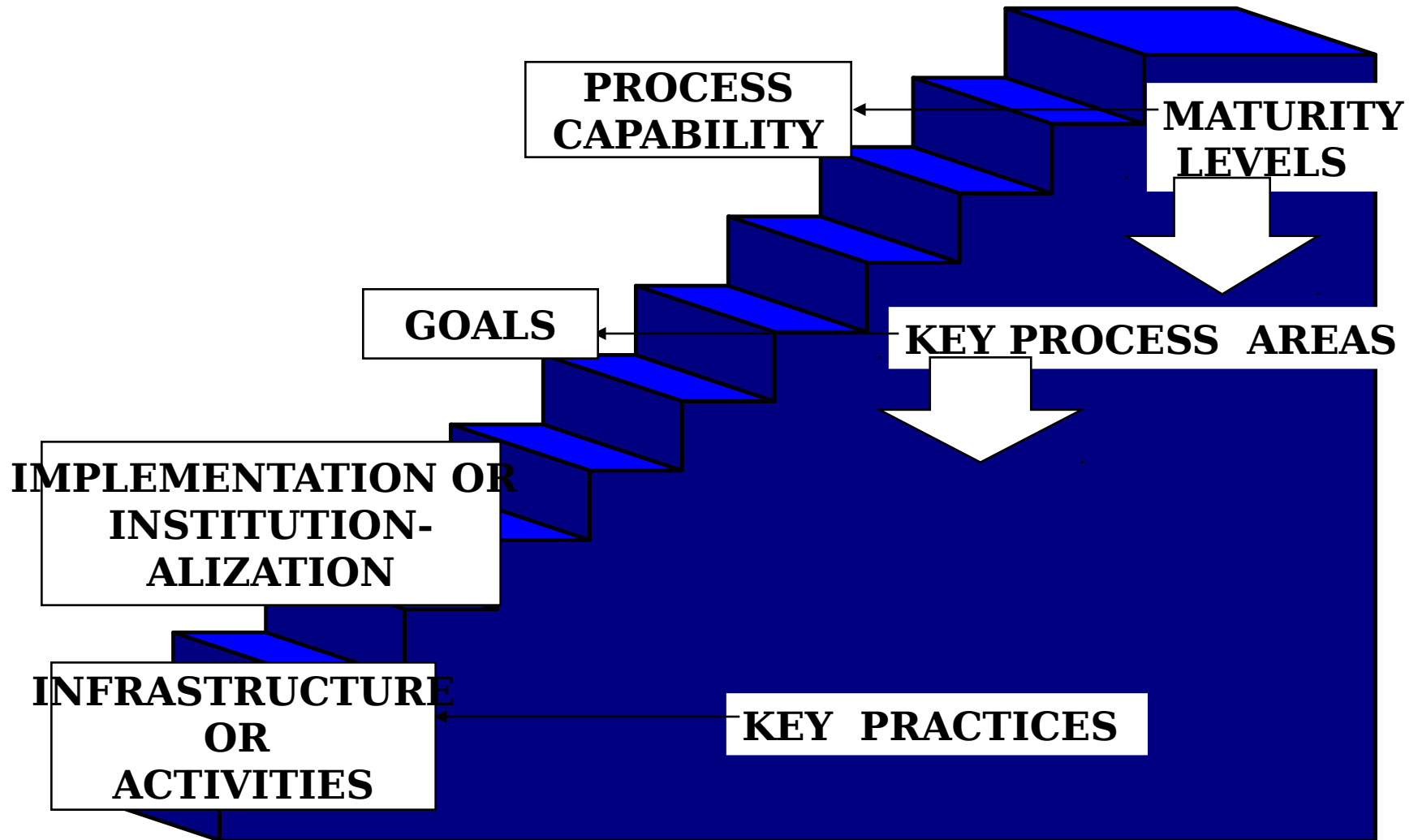
# **WHAT IS A PROCESS?**

- **A MEANS BY WHICH A DESIRED END RESULT IS PRODUCED BY THE INTEGRATION OF:**
  - **PEOPLE**
  - **PROCEDURES**
  - **METHODS**
  - **EQUIPMENT, *AND...***
  - **TOOLS**

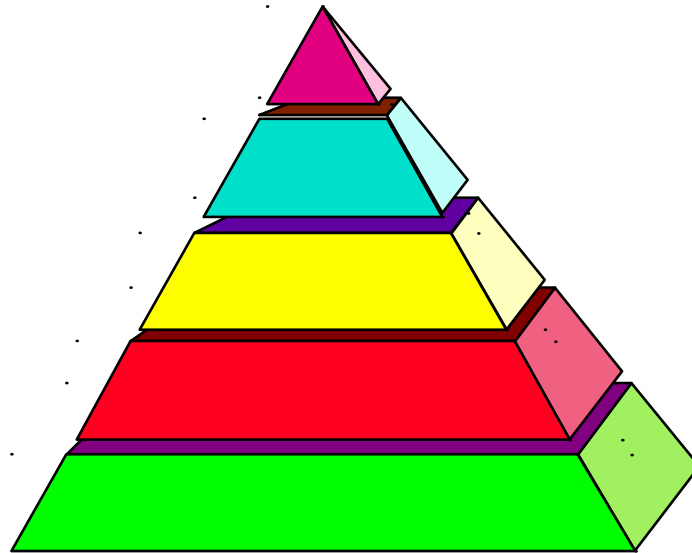
# HOW DO WE IMPROVE THE PROCESS ??

- BY USE OF THE *CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM)* .. A **PROCESS MODEL** DEVELOPED BY THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI)

# STRUCTURE OF THE CMM

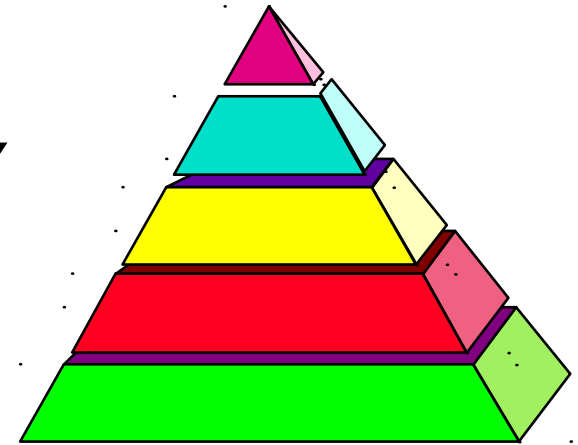


# THE FIVE MATURITY LEVELS OF THE



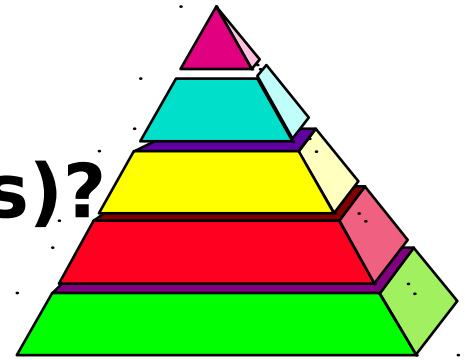
# CMM

# WHAT IS A MATURITY LEVEL?



- **A MATURITY LEVEL IS A WELL-DEFINED EVOLUTIONARY PLATEAU ON THE PATH TOWARD BECOMING A MATURE SOFTWARE ORGANIZATION**
- **THERE ARE FIVE MATURITY LEVELS IN THE CMM**
- **EACH LEVEL IS A LAYER IN THE FOUNDATION FOR CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

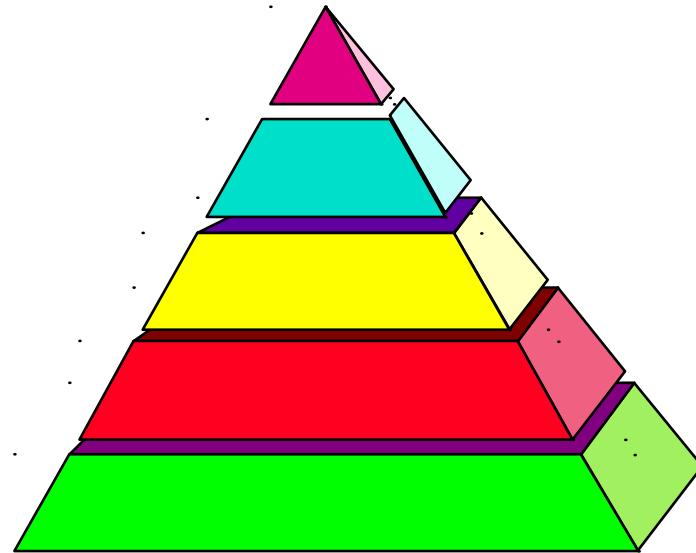
# WHAT ARE KEY PROCESS AREAS (KPAs)?



- A GROUP OF RELATED ACTIVITIES PERFORMED COLLECTIVELY TO ACHIEVE A SET OF GOALS
- KPAs ARE *THE MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS IN ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS CAPABILITY* OF AN ORGANIZATION
  - DEFINITION OF *PROCESS CAPABILITY*: IT DESCRIBES THE RANGE OF EXPECTED RESULTS FROM FOLLOWING A PROCESS

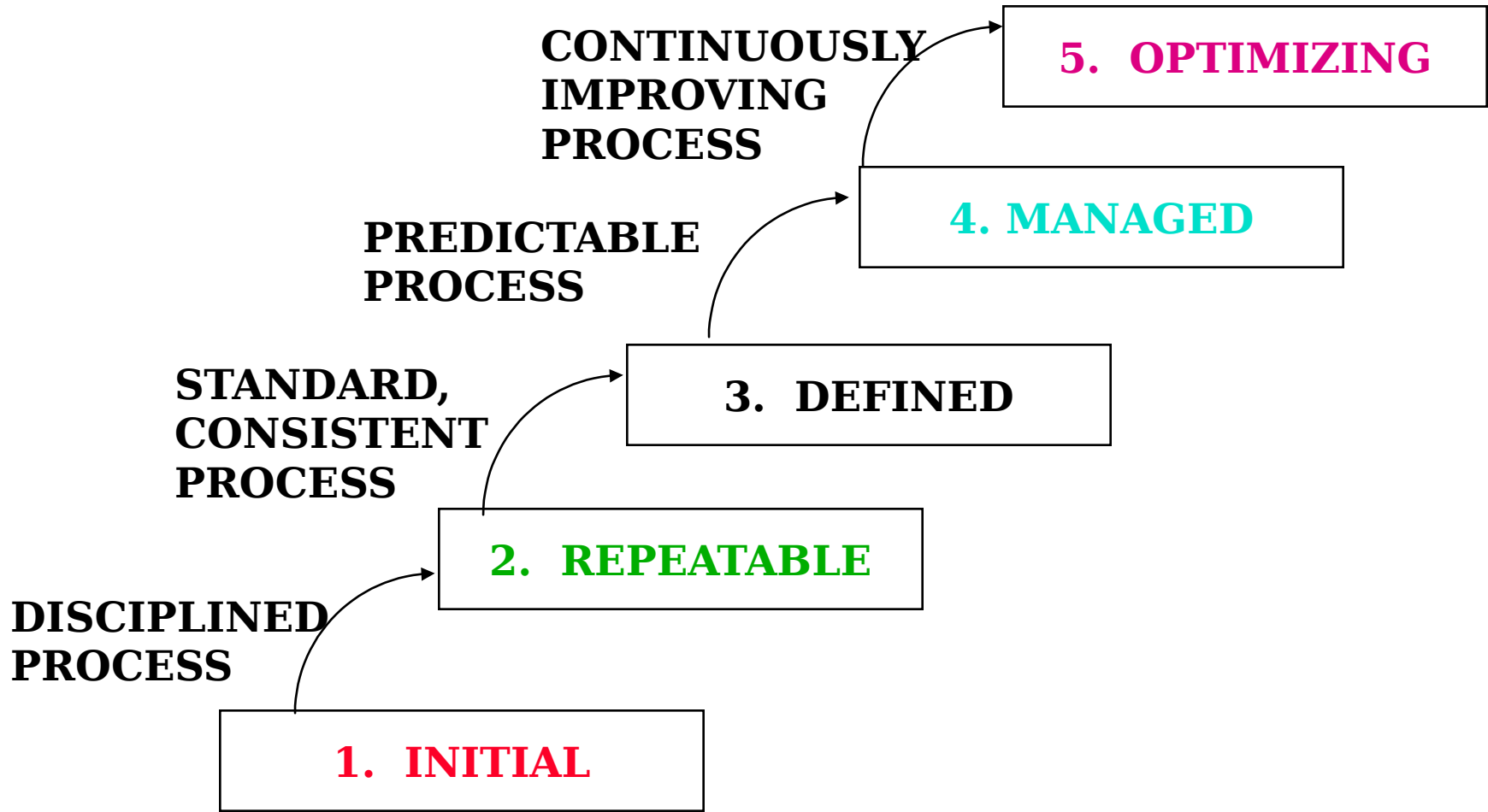
# WHAT ARE THE FIVE LEVELS OF THE CAPABILITY MATURITY MODEL (CMM)?

- **OPTIMIZING**
- **MANAGED**
- **DEFINED**
- **REPEATABLE**
- **INITIAL**



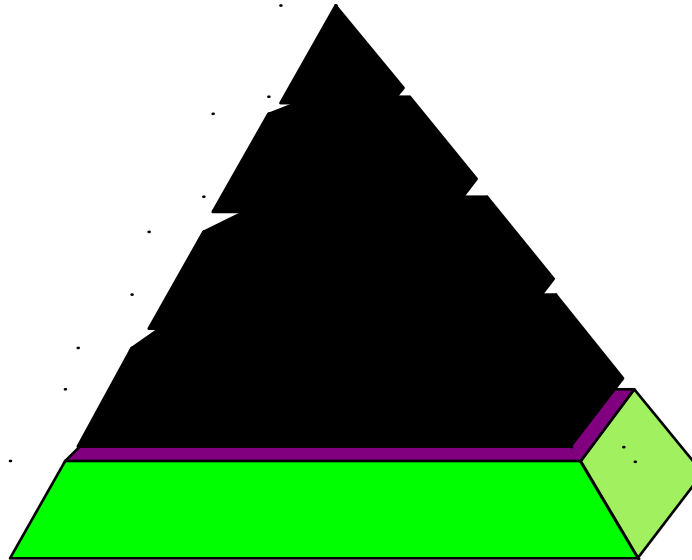


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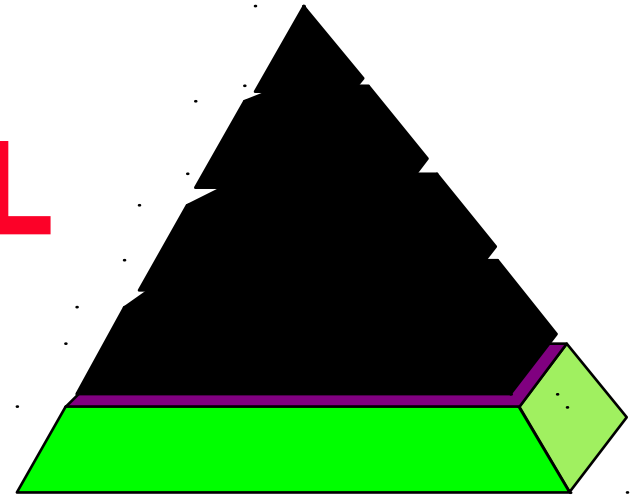


# LEVEL 1 INITIAL

## WHERE WE STARTED!



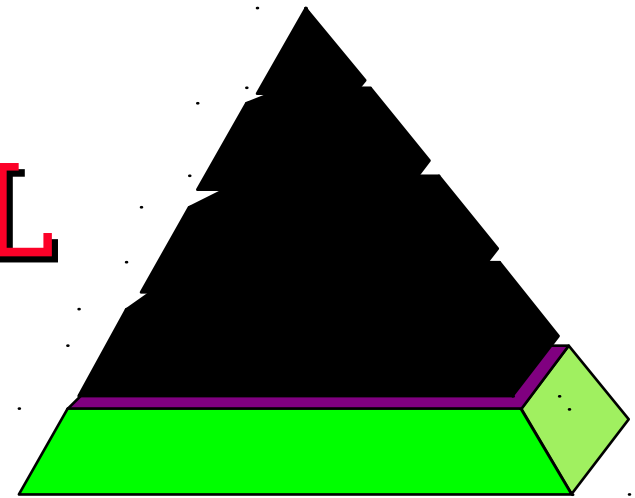
# INITIAL LEVEL



- **PROCESS IS:**

- ***AD HOC***
- **OCCASIONALLY *CHAOTIC***
- **FEW PROCESSES ARE DEFINED**
- **SUCCESS *DEPENDS ON* INDIVIDUAL EFFORT (*"HEROES"*)...**

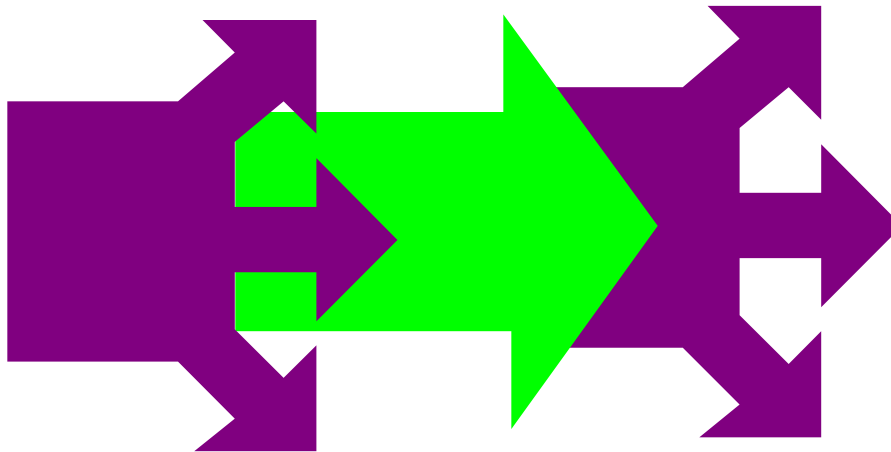
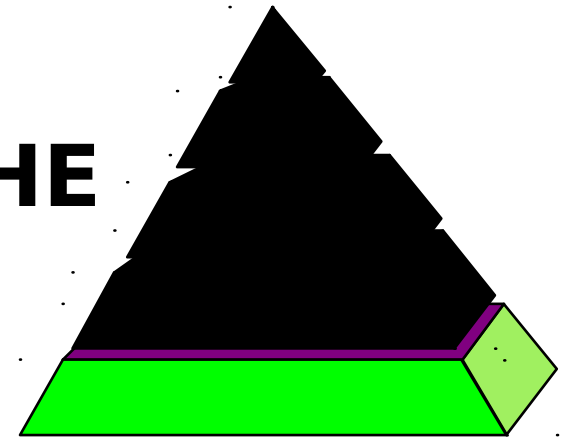
# INITIAL LEVEL



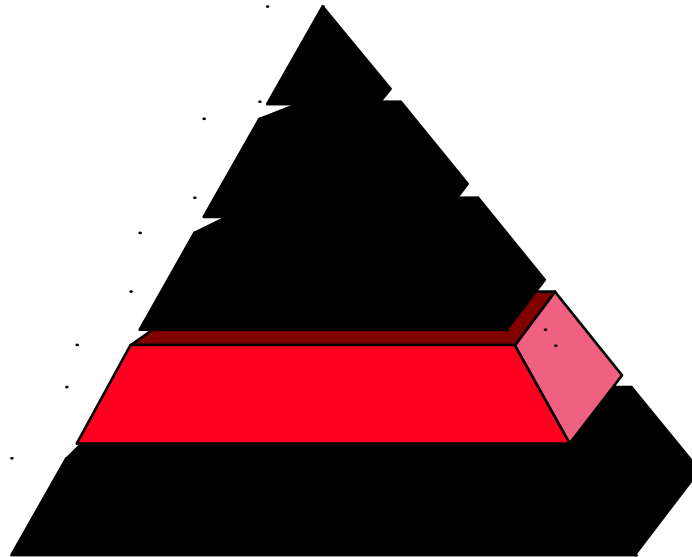
- **PROCESS (CONT'D):**
  - HAS FEW FORMAL PROCEDURES, COST ESTIMATES, OR PROJECT PLANS
  - LIMITED MANAGEMENT MECHANISM TO ENSURE PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED
  - TOOLS NOT WELL INTEGRATED
  - CHANGE CONTROL LAX

# LEVEL 1 MANAGEMENT VIEW OF THE SOFTWARE PROCESS

- REQUIREMENTS FLOW IN
- THE SOFTWARE PRODUCT IS (USUALLY) PRODUCED BY SOME AMORPHOUS PROCESS
- THE PRODUCT FLOWS OUT **AND HOPEFULLY** IT WILL WORK



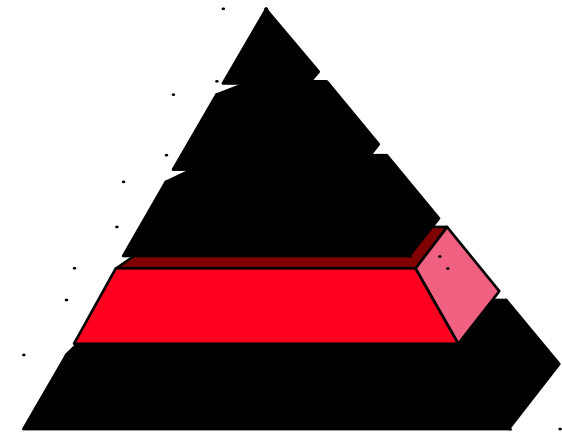
# LEVEL 2 REPEATABLE



## WHERE WE ARE NOW !

# LEVEL 2

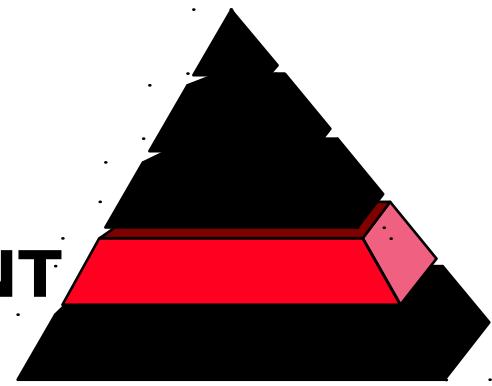
## REPEATABLE



- **FOCUS:**
  - **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
- **KEY PROCESS AREAS:**
  - **REQUIREMENTS MANAGEMENT**
  - **SOFTWARE PROJECT PLANNING**
  - **SOFTWARE PROJECT TRACKING**
  - **SOFTWARE SUBCONTRACT MANAGEMENT**
  - **SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE**
  - **SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT**

# **LEVEL 2**

## **KPA: REQUIREMENTS MANAGEMENT**

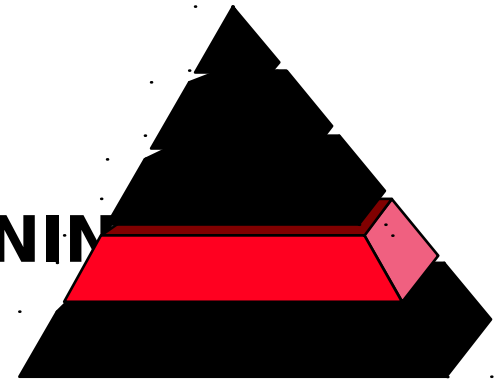


- **ESTABLISH & MAINTAIN UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH CUSTOMER ON REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFTWARE THROUGHOUT ITS LIFE CYCLE**
- **BASIS FOR ESTIMATING, PLANNING, PERFORMING & TRACKING THE PROJECT'S SOFTWARE ACTIVITIES**
- **CUSTOMER MAY BE AN EXTERNAL OR INTERNAL CUSTOMER**



# **LEVEL 2**

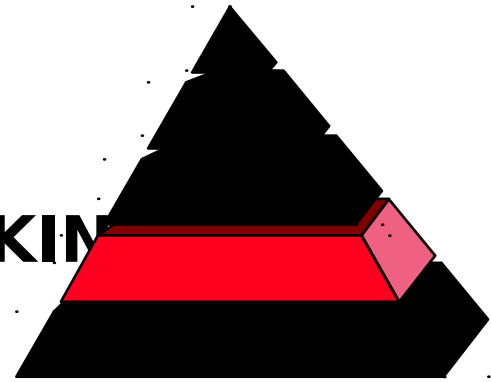
## **KPA: SOFTWARE PROJECT PLANNING**



- **DEVELOP ESTIMATES FOR WORK TO BE DONE**
- **ESTABLISH COMMITMENTS**
- **DEFINE THE PLAN TO PERFORM THE WORK**
- **PROVIDE BASIS FOR INITIATING SOFTWARE EFFORT**
- **MANAGE PROGRESS OF THE WORK**

# LEVEL 2

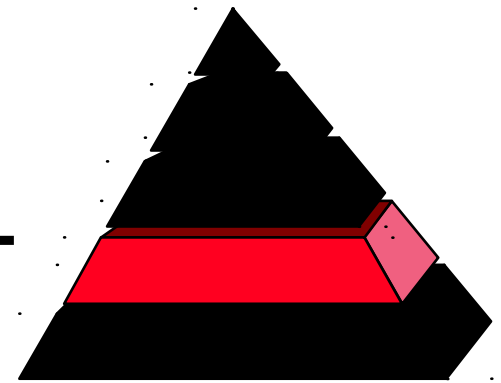
## KPA: SOFTWARE PROJECT TRACKING AND OVERSIGHT



- **TRACK AND REVIEW SOFTWARE ACCOMPLISHMENTS & RESULTS USING:**
  - **DOCUMENTED ESTIMATES**
  - **COMMITMENTS**
  - **PLANS**
- **BASED ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESULTS, ADJUST:**
  - **ESTIMATES**
  - **COMMITMENTS**
  - **PLANS**

# **LEVEL 2**

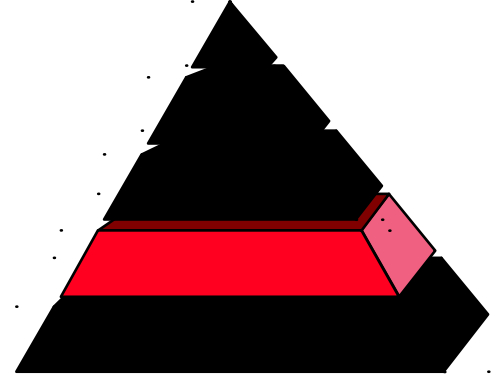
## **KPA: SOFTWARE SUBCONTRACT MANAGEMENT**



- **SELECT SOFTWARE SUBCONTRACTOR**
- **ESTABLISH COMMITMENT WITH THE SUBCONTRACTOR ON WORK TO BE PERFORMED**
- **COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH THE SUBCONTRACTOR**
- **TRACK AND REVIEW THE SUBCONTRACTOR'S :**
  - **PERFORMANCE**
  - **RESULTS**

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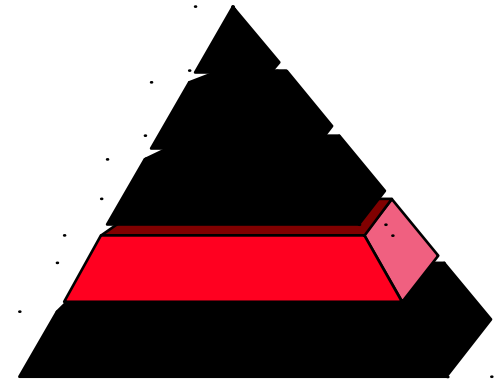
## **KPA: SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE (SQA)**



- **PARTICIPATE IN DEFINITION OF STANDARDS FOR PRODUCT AND PROCESS**
- **REVIEW AND AUDIT THE SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THEY COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE :**
  - **PROCESSES**
  - **STANDARDS**
  - **PROCEDURES**

# LEVEL 2

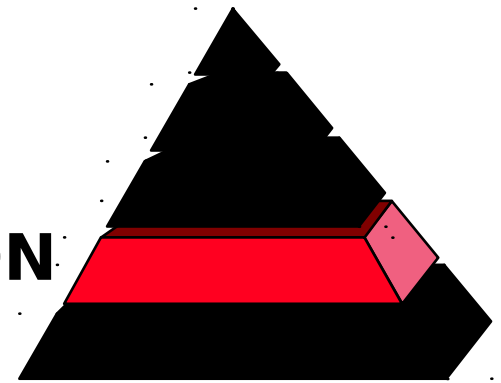
## KPA: SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE (CONT'D)



- **PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO DEVELOPERS  
AND MANAGEMENT ON PRODUCT  
AND PROCESS STATUS RELATIVE TO  
REVIEW PARAMETERS**

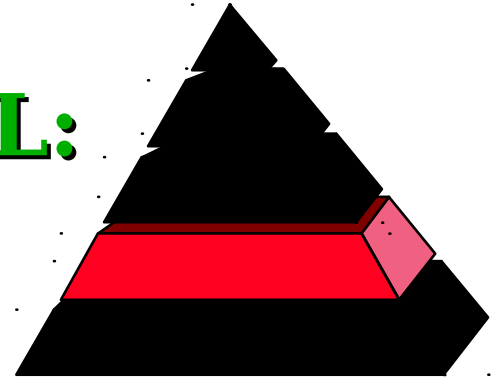
# **LEVEL 2**

## **KPA: SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT**



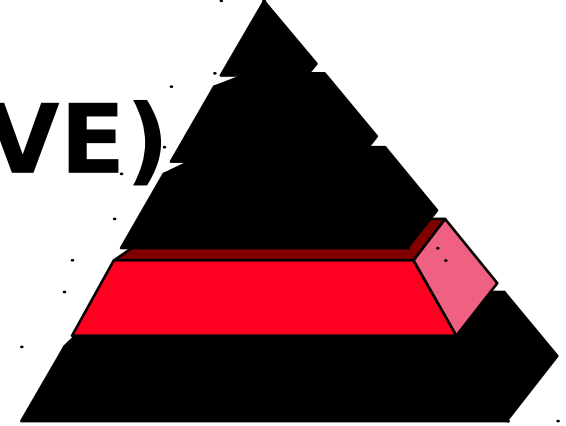
- **IDENTIFY CONFIGURATION ITEMS/UNITS**
- **CONTROL ITEMS AND CHANGES TO THEM**
- **RECORD/REPORT STATUS AND CHANGE ACTIVITY FOR THE ITEMS**
- **ESTABLISH & MAINTAIN CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT LIBRARY SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THE SOFTWARE BASELINE LIBRARY**

# AT THE REPEATABLE LEVEL:



- **BASIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROCESSES ARE ESTABLISHED TO:**
  - **TRACK COST, SCHEDULE, AND FUNCTIONALITY**
- **PROCESS DISCIPLINE IS IN PLACE TO:**
  - **REPEAT EARLIER SUCCESSES ON PROJECTS WITH SIMILAR APPLICATIONS**

# **REPEATABLE (INTUITIVE) LEVEL 2 *CHARACTERISTICS***



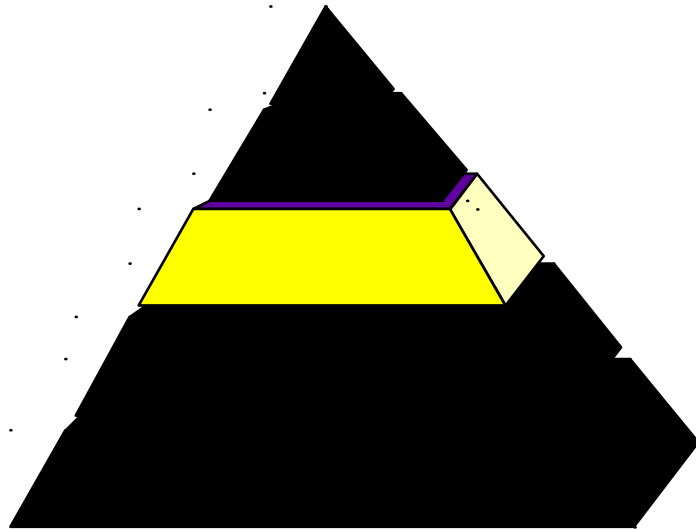
- **PROCESS INDEPENDENT OF INDIVIDUALS**
- **ESTABLISHED BASIC PROJECT CONTROLS**
- **STRENGTH IN DOING SIMILAR WORK BUT STILL FACE MAJOR RISK WHEN PRESENTED WITH NEW CHALLENGES**
- **BASIS FOR ORDERLY FRAMEWORK FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENT**



# **REVIEW: WHY REPEATABLE LEVEL 2??**

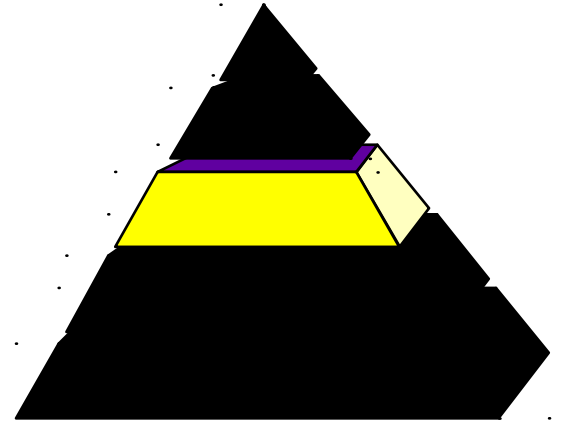
- **INCREASES OUR COMPETITIVENESS**
- **IMPROVES COST, SCHEDULE, &  
QUALITY**
- **PROVIDES DEFINED & DOCUMENTED  
PROCESSES**
- **IMPROVES OUR ABILITY TO REPEAT  
SUCCESS**

# LEVEL 3 DEFINED



**WHERE WE WANT TO BE SOON**

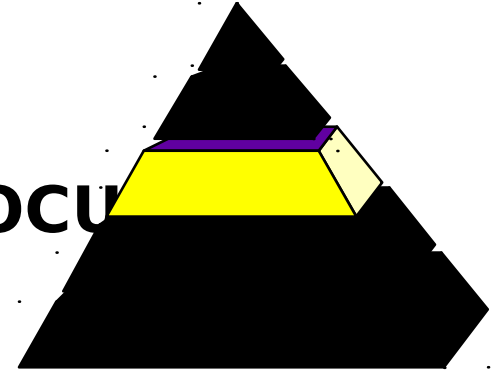
# LEVEL 3 DEFINED



- **FOCUS:**
  - **ENGINEERING PROCESS**
- **KEY PROCESS AREAS**
  - **ORGANIZATION PROCESS FOCUS**
  - **ORGANIZATION PROCESS DEFINITION**
  - **TRAINING PROGRAM**
  - **INTEGRATED SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT**
  - **SOFTWARE PRODUCT ENGINEERING**
  - **INTERGROUP COORDINATION**
  - **PEER REVIEWS**

# **LEVEL 3**

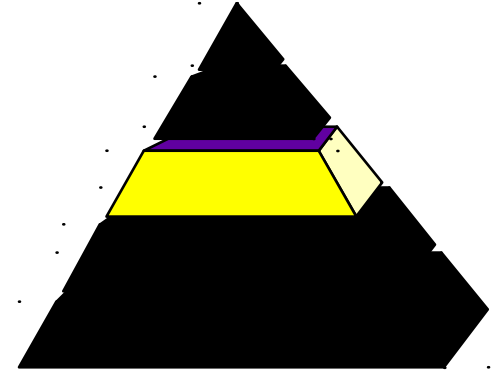
**KPA: ORGANIZATION PROCESS FOCUS**



- **ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOFTWARE PROCESS ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE OVERALL SOFTWARE PROCESS CAPABILITY**
- **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORGANIZATION'S AND PROJECTS' SOFTWARE PROCESSES**
- **COORDINATE ACTIVITIES TO ASSESS, DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND IMPROVE THESE PROCESSES**

# **LEVEL 3**

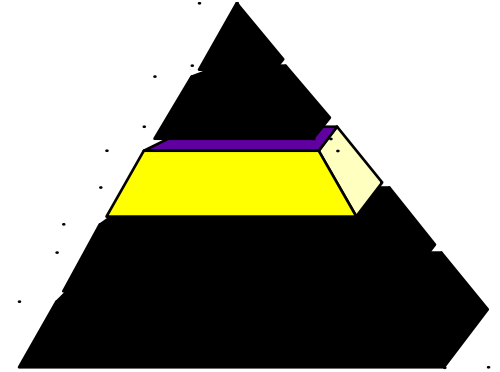
## **KPA: ORGANIZATION PROCESS DEFINITION**



- **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE ORGANIZATION'S STANDARD SOFTWARE PROCESS**
- **DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A USABLE SET OF SOFTWARE PROCESS ASSETS, SUCH AS TAILORING GUIDELINES, SOFTWARE PROCESS DATABASE, AND A LIBRARY OF SOFTWARE PROCESS-RELATED DOCUMENTATION**

# **LEVEL 3**

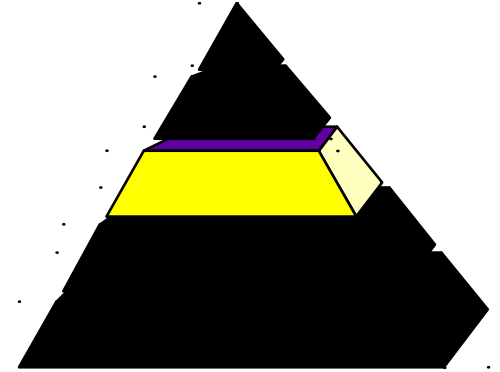
## **KPA: TRAINING PROGRAM**



- **DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF INDIVIDUALS SO THEY CAN PERFORM THEIR ROLES**
- **IDENTIFY TRAINING NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION, PROJECTS, AND INDIVIDUALS**
- **DEVELOP OR PROCURE TRAINING TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED NEEDS**

# **LEVEL 3**

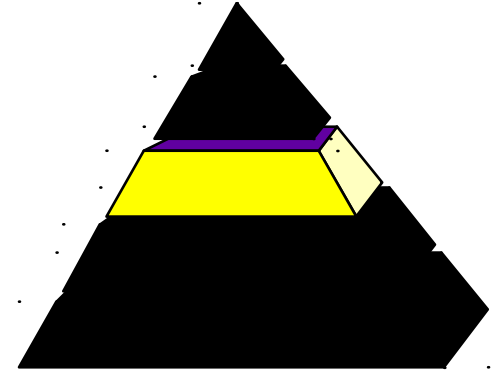
## **KPA: INTEGRATED SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT**



- **INTEGRATE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES INTO A DEFINED SOFTWARE PROCESS TAILORED FROM THE ORGANIZATION'S STANDARD SOFTWARE PROCESS**
- **TAILOR THE ORGANIZATION'S STANDARD SOFTWARE PROCESS BASED ON THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNICAL NEEDS OF THE PROJECT**

# **LEVEL 3**

## **KPA: SOFTWARE PRODUCT ENGINEERING**

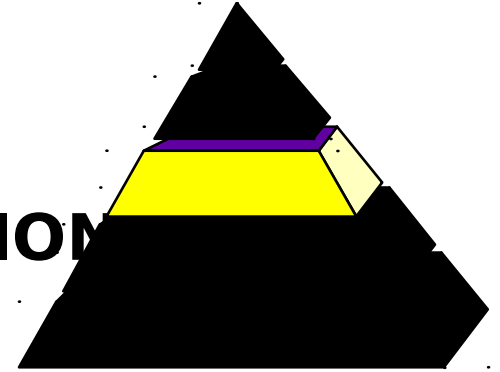


- **PERFORM A WELL-DEFINED ENGINEERING PROCESS THAT INTEGRATES ALL THE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ACTIVITIES**
- **DOCUMENT THE SOFTWARE WORK PRODUCTS AND MAINTAIN TRACEABILITY AND CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THEM**



# **LEVEL 3**

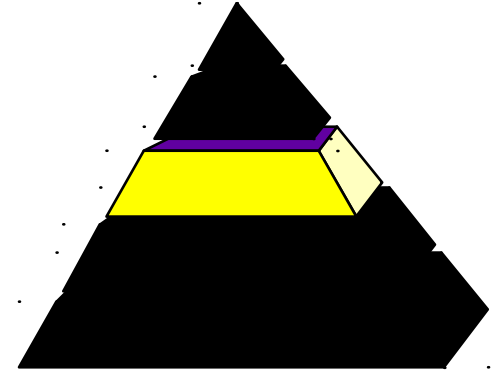
## **KPA: INTERGROUP COORDINATION**



- **ESTABLISH MEANS FOR SOFTWARE ENGINEERING GROUPS TO WORK PROACTIVELY WITH OTHER ENGINEERING GROUPS TO ADDRESS SYSTEM-LEVEL REQUIREMENTS, OBJECTIVES, AND ISSUES**

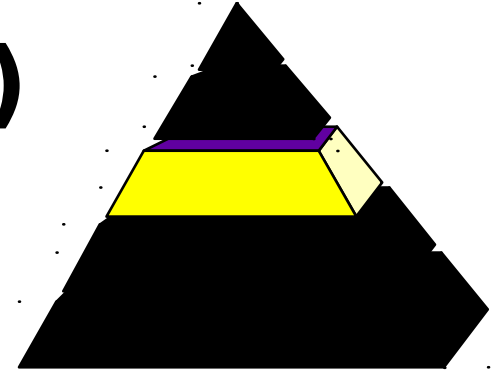
# **LEVEL 3**

## **KPA: PEER REVIEWS**



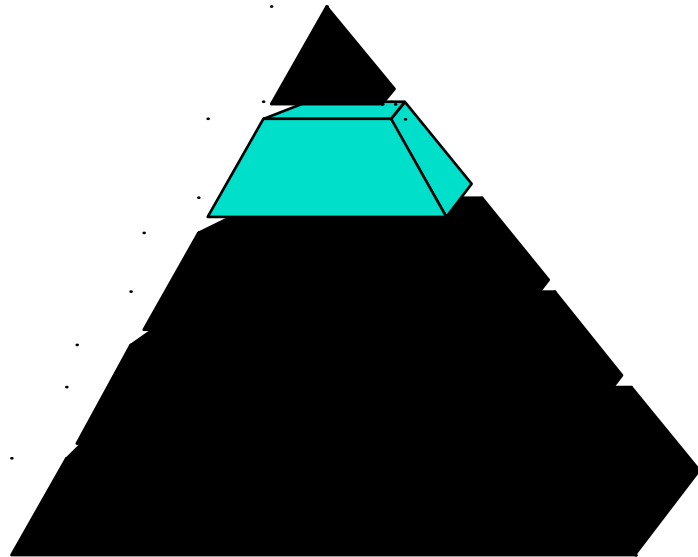
- **REMOVE DEFECTS FROM THE SOFTWARE WORK PRODUCTS EARLY**
- **DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOFTWARE WORK PRODUCTS AND OF THE DEFECTS THAT CAN BE PREVENTED**

# **DEFINED (QUALITATIVE) LEVEL 3 *CHARACTERISTICS***

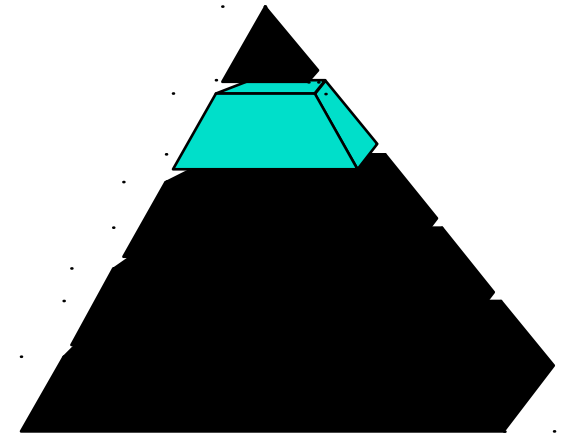


- **THE PROCESS IS DEFINED AND INSTITUTIONALIZED**
- **SOFTWARE ENGINEERING PROCESS GROUP ESTABLISHED TO LEAD PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

# LEVEL 4 MANAGED

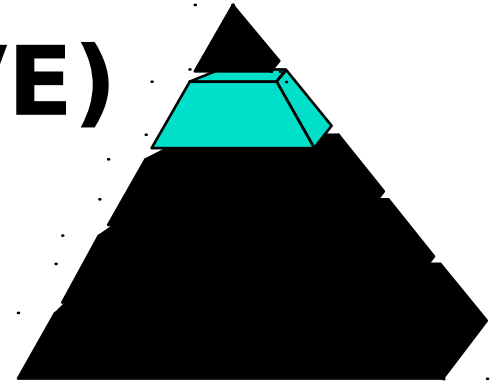


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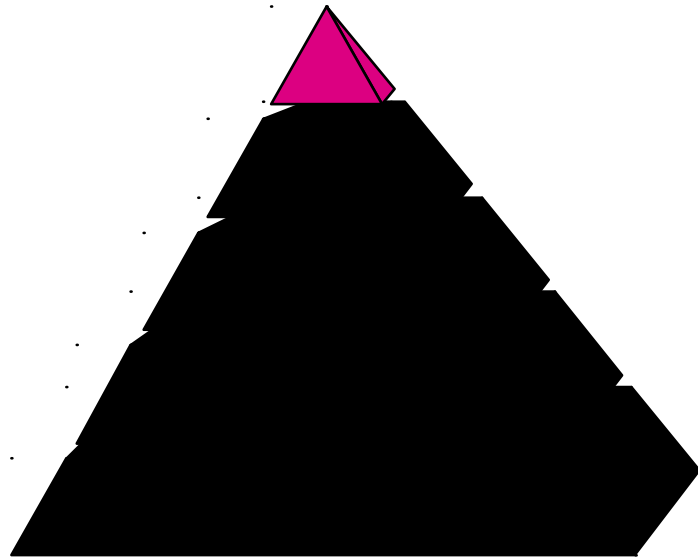
- **FOCUS:**
  - **PRODUCT AND PROCESS QUALITY**
- **KEY PROCESS AREAS**
  - **SOFTWARE QUALITY MANAGEMENT**
  - **QUANTITATIVE PROCESS MANAGEMENT**

# **MANAGED (QUANTITATIVE) LEVEL 4 *CHARACTERISTICS***

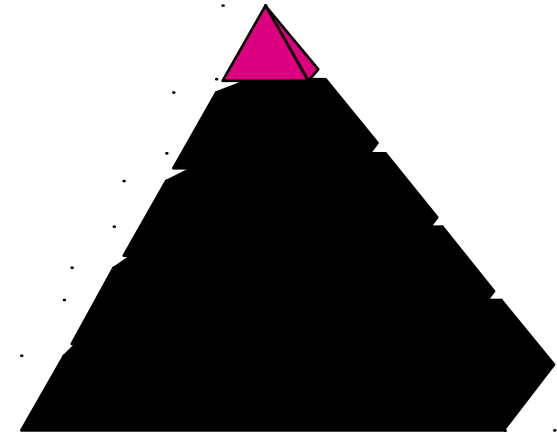


- **MEASURED PROCESS**
- **MINIMUM SET OF QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT SETS ESTABLISHED**
- **PROCESS DATABASE ESTABLISHED WITH RESOURCES TO ANALYZE ITS DATA AND MAINTAIN IT**

# LEVEL 5 OPTIMIZING



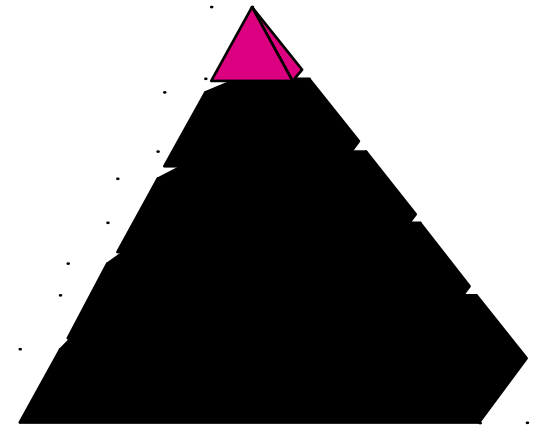
# OPTIMIZING LEVEL



- **CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT  
ENABLED BY QUANTITATIVE OR  
MEASURABLE FEEDBACK FROM:**
  - **THE PROCESS**
  - **TESTING INNOVATIVE IDEAS**
  - **TESTING INNOVATIVE  
TECHNOLOGIES**



# **OPTIMIZING LEVEL 5 *CHARACTERISTICS***



- **IMPROVEMENTS FED BACK INTO THE PROCESS**
- **DATA GATHERING AUTOMATED AND USED TO IDENTIFY WEAKEST PROCESS ELEMENTS**
- **NUMERICAL EVIDENCE USED TO JUSTIFY APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY TO CRITICAL TASKS**
- **RIGOROUS DEFECT-CAUSE ANALYSIS AND DEFECT PREVENTION**